

**BIG APPLE CROP.**

Production for 1906 in Sedgwick Larger Than Usual.

Conservative Estimate of One Grower Is 200,000 Bushels.

**DUE TO UNDERFLOW.**

Roots Reach This Moist Stratum of Mother Earth

And No Matter How Dry, the Orchard Bears Fruit.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 7.—The apple crop of Sedgwick county, Kansas, will be 200,000 bushels this year. This estimate is made by W. F. Schell, a great apple grower and horticulturist. Mr. Schell bases his estimate upon observation and by comparison with the crop of 1905, which totaled 118,000 bushels. Other estimates place it at from 150,000 bushels up.

"Not only will this year's crop be one of the largest ever gathered in Sedgwick county," said Mr. Schell, "but it will be one of the finest. I don't believe I ever saw a crop where the percentage of fruit was so great as this year. Not nearly all have been gathered yet."

Sedgwick county is not the greatest apple growing county in the state. Rather it has not that reputation though the fruit men declare that in time it will take its place at the head. Most of the apples are growing in the lowlands and creek bottoms, though a few good orchards are found on the highlands.

The Arkansas river underflow of which no mud was heard during the recent and still pending Kansas-Corralito suit, has a great influence in apple growing. In the valley of the Arkansas, within several miles of the banks, at least, there is that ever present sheet of water—the underflow. It is always there, in flood or in drought. It is well for the fruit raiser that it is there, too, for it helps wonderfully. Down go the apple tree roots to this moist stratum of mother earth, and no matter how dry the summer, the tree nourishes and bears fruit. This underflow varies in depth. Men who have had reason to investigate it and to study it say that it may be found anywhere from a depth of five to eleven feet from the surface. Wherever it is, the branching roots of the fruit trees will be found extending into it. This sheet water is the salvation of the fruit grower's profits. It is what makes Sedgwick county a good place in which to raise apples. It is one of the agents that pull fruit men to the Arkansas valley.

But the sheet water is not all. Soil and climate in Sedgwick county are conducive to rapid and healthy growth of fruit trees. This is shown by an exhibit placed in the Wichita and Southwestern fair recently by W. F. Schell. He showed there two-year-old apple trees that measured more than nine feet in height. It would be hard for any eastern producer to beat that. There also were peach trees one year from bud that measured nine feet high, while a yearling Carolina poplar was at least three feet taller.

Sedgwick county's orchards might almost be numbered by its farms. Not every farmer has an orchard, but the vast majority of them have, and more are being supplied each year. "A big crop like this helps a whole lot in extending the work," said a prominent fruit raiser. "Of course, they will argue 'big crop, low prices,' but get a big crop and everybody begins to think about getting out more trees, just the same."

Probably the largest orchard in the county is what is known as the Hoover orchard. It consists of more than 200 acres, almost exclusively devoted to apples. It has been established for years, and has grown famous for the perfection and value of its crops. Ed Hoover, who once won applause as a third baseman for the Kansas City tigers and other professional baseball teams, is interested in it. He concluded in his prime as a ball player that there was more money in marketing apples grown in the Arkansas valley than there was in playing ball even at a high salary, so he doffed the spangles never more to don them. The Hoover crop this year will be a big one, but it has broken so many records in the past that it will not be out of the ordinary. Its annual output amounts to thousands of barrels.

Another prominent fruit farm located near Wichita is the Thomas orchard. It consists of eighty acres. Like the Hoover orchard its output amounts well into the thousands of bushels each year.

The Ed Cooley farm has sixty-five acres in fruit. The Dan M. Jones farm has a like amount of orchard, the O. J. Martin orchard has thirty acres, the O. Martin orchard has thirty acres and there are hundreds of smaller ones. South of this city the Arkansas river is fairly lined with greater and lesser fruit farms, varying in size from ten acres up to fifty.

One of the best known of the smaller farms is the Frank Yaw fruit farm. Mr. Yaw has but twenty acres. He devotes the entire tract to apples, cherries, plums and peaches, and he makes a mighty good living with a little money to lay by each year for the rainy day. A twenty-acre farm in the west is almost as much of a novelty as a section under one man's management in the east, but Mr. Yaw seems to be satisfied.

"I met some Missouri fruit men at the world's fair," said Mr. Yaw. "They were telling how much land they had in fruit. One had 200 acres, another 100 acres, some less and some more. Finally one of them turned to me and asked me where I was from. I told them I was from Kansas. They asked me how much land I had. I told them twenty acres and they laughed at me. I guess they thought I wasnt much of a fruit man. 'That's all right,' I told them. 'I only have twenty acres. Last spring we had a

bad frost, two hail storms that did damage, and a flood that was worse. I managed to make a living off my twenty acres of fruit and brought my wife, myself and two daughters to the world's fair with the profits. That's what we can do on twenty acres in Kansas.' I suppose they didn't believe it, but it was true," said Mr. Yaw.

Sedgwick county grows about sixty-five varieties of apples. Of these sixty-five varieties T. V. Healy, who had charge of several horticultural exhibits at various fairs in this and other states, took samples of twenty-seven to the trans-Mississippi exposition in Omaha in 1898. He won some premiums with them, too. The leading varieties are Ben Davis, Winesap, Missouri Pippin, Jonathans, Gano, York Imperial, Grimes's Golden and the Huntman's Favorite. Many of these are fairly popular. The state of Kansas was granted a grand prize at the latest world's fair upon the excellence of its fruit exhibits. The included apples, pears, peaches, cherries and others. The state took twenty-seven prizes at St. Louis and Sedgwick county fruit men exhibit a pardonable pride in the fact that fifteen of these prizes were captured by fruit grown in that county.

Most of the Sedgwick county apples are shipped to other markets. Windfalls are marketed at home early and at low prices. The fruit grower usually counts upon his windfalls paying for the work of marketing and storing the crop. Windfalls are now selling at about 25 cents a bushel. The better apples, those few which can be bought, bring from 40 to 50 cents. Most of the good apples will be packed and stored for several months at least until Christmas time. Then they will be shipped to eastern and western markets. A good many Sedgwick apples go to Denver. Comparatively few of the really good ones ever find their way to the local consumers.

**WILL TAKE THE VEIL.**

Twenty-eight Irish Maids Reach Wichita From Ireland.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 7.—Direct from Ireland, the bloom of youth that the land of Erin is noted for producing fresh upon their cheeks, twenty-eight Irish girls came to this city to become Catholic sisters. They are to enter the convent of St. Mary's on College Hill, and receive spiritual and educational training.

The new applicants for the sisterhood have been in America but one week, landing in New York straight from the land of the Shamrock October 27. They came direct to this city. They are in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, of which Wichita is the home of the diocese. The new arrivals will remain in training in this city for three years, after which they will graduate as sisters. Their examination will be held by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. Hennessey and they will then take the veil.

Not all of the arrivals will become teachers. Some have preferred to be nurses, and these will in a few weeks be placed in the different hospitals of the Sisters of St. Joseph to act as assistants until they receive diplomas as nurses.

The hospitals at Springfield, Mo., Pittsburg and Iowa, Kan., are to receive a portion of the recently arrived applicants. Nurses in Catholic hospitals are scarce and the demand is far greater than the supply. The people have come to realize the experienced hand of the sister-nurse, besides being skilled shows solicitude and mercy, and that a sister's only object in this world is reverence to her Creator and to do all the good possible. There is no ban placed on the religion and the infidel receives the same loving care as the unblessed of soul. Of late years it has been almost impossible to fill the demand for Catholic sisters and this country is supplied by all the world.

The teachers will be placed in the several parish schools about the diocese. There is also a wholesale lack of teacher sisters, and even now there are girls in training at St. Mary's that will soon graduate and take the veil.

Wichita is the only city in the west in which Irish girls were sent on this occasion. Two years ago some girls entered the home at Leavenworth. Two years ago Wichita was made the training place of some girls from Ireland. Also four and six years ago girls were received in this city for training. The girls are sent to this country every two years and come especially by order of the see at Rome. They are educated in American ways and make the very best nurses. They are also skilled in teaching.

The girls who arrived in the city were met at the depot and escorted to their new home by a delegation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The ages of the new arrivals varied from 16 to 25 years. After receiving the veil, they will be placed in hospitals or schools that may require them, at the order of the bishop.

Wichita besides being the headquarters of a diocese embracing western Kansas and a portion of Oklahoma, is the leading Catholic city of the southwest. Several colleges, a hospital, two grammar schools, two churches and a fourth under course of construction that will be when completed the finest and most imposing structure in the entire west, are among the improvements made by the followers of the faith in this city. The Catholic census of Wichita shows 8,600 members.

**Their Romance Spoiled.**

Sheriff Hlinshaw received a telephone message yesterday evening from the sheriff of Morris county, New Jersey, to hold a couple named Charles J. Curtis and Ruth Kendall, of Parkersville, who would probably apply here for a marriage license. The couple showed up this noon at Judge Evans's office and Sheriff Hlinshaw was sent for. They will be held here until night, when the sheriff from Morris county will call for them. The girl's mother says the girl is only 15, and the boy but 19. They are both apparently in poor circumstances, and neither looks over the age given by the sheriff. They claim to be 18 and 21 respectively.—Emporia Gazette.

**Getting Rid of Hedge Fences.**

A good many farmers in this section are getting rid of hedge fences. On the road running east from the Catholic cemetery, G. B. Watson and his sons are destroying a hedge fence by pulling the trees up by the roots. Some of the roots are as thick as a finger. The roots are pulled with a horse power stump puller, and the process is quite an interesting one. Mr. Watson charges sixty cents a rod for pulling stumps of the kind which his men are boarded.—Atchison Globe.

**Strike a Gas Well.**

The third hole in the gas field struck at this place has shown how much of it there is.—Burlington Republican.

A Doctor's Good Luck. Dr. C. A. Smith, of Yale, is rejoicing over some good fortune which has come to him recently. Several weeks ago he invented in some shares in a gold and copper mining company, at a low fig-

# Friend of Sick Women

Strange, that some sick women still hold off, from trying a medicine that half a century of use has proven of exceptional value in the treatment of female disease!

Strange that EVERY sick woman who has heard of it—Wine of Cardui—should not fly to the nearest drug-store and try a bottle.

So, in order that you, who doubt, shall doubt no longer, but be convinced by the testimony of a sister woman,—Mrs. Donaldson, the well-known Salvation Army worker,—a friend to all sick women, the following unsolicited letter from her is published, for you to read and ponder:—

Jonesboro, Ark., July 13, 1906.

For about eight years I have been a walking advertisement for Wine of Cardui. In 1895 and 1896 I suffered much with female trouble and irregularity. My limbs would swell until great ridges would form, out over my shoes. I was weak, with scarcely energy enough to do housework at all.

Having read much of the merits of Wine of Cardui for female complaint, I decided to try it and after taking 2 bottles was never troubled again.

Two years ago, I gave birth to an 8½ pound baby girl and was only in labor half an hour.



MRS. J. DONALDSON,  
Captain Salvation Army,  
Jonesboro, Ark.

This spring I gave birth to a 10 pound boy; was only in labor half an hour. I took Cardui during pregnancy both times, and am sure I owe my easy time to it. It is a real God-send to suffering women.

During change of life, four years ago, my mother, Mrs. G. W. Wadsworth, nearly died. She had from 16 to 24 cramping or sinking spells during a day and night, and many times we laid her down for dead. At last I persuaded her to take Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, which cured her.

In DeKalb, Ill., when I was in charge of the Army work there a young woman had taken cold and was irregular for six months. I recommended Cardui and after taking 3 bottles, she was entirely well. (See Miss Upson's letter below).

These are only a few instances where your medicine has been a real God-send to sick women. I am continually recommending it to others.

Praying God to abundantly bless you,

I remain,

Mrs. J. Donaldson.



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DeKalb, Ill.

bottles, I came around and began to get well right off. Now I am feeling well and getting fat. Mamma and I are so thankful for Cardui.

DeKalb, Ill., Jan. 2, 1906.

I am very much pleased to sit down and write you how much I thank God and you, for Wine of Cardui. It saved my life, and I will never be through praising God for it. I was very sick with fever and never got over it, just right. I was weak and hardly able to get up, and for six months I was in bad shape. I was pale and white, and the best doctor in DeKalb gave me up and said I would not get well. Mamma was almost crazy to think of it. At last on the advice of a lady friend, (Mrs. J. Donaldson, see letter above) Mamma gave me Wine of Cardui and after I had taken three bottles, I came around and began to get well right off. Now I am feeling well and getting fat. Mamma and I are so thankful for Cardui.

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ure, and now has received information that the rise in these shares in the few weeks he has owned them has brought him something over \$11,000. There are many offers for the shares possessed by the doctor, but he has not as yet decided to sell them.—Pittsburg Headlight.

**IS SHORT OVER \$10,000.**

Expert Accountant's Report on the Cloud County Treasury.

Concordia, Kan., Nov. 7.—The work of the special examiner of the county treasury has been completed at the county house, and Mr. Caton will go to his home at Kansas City, Kansas, to make out his report.

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detailed report from the data he will take with him. The amount of the short is \$10,772.07. This is the sum which J. E. Wade, ex-county treasurer, owes the county, as will be seen by the details of the report, which Mr. Caton will submit later to the county commissioners in detail, giving each item of the treasury and where the same may be found on the records of the office.

**FIRE IN PITTSBURG JAIL.**

Female Prisoners Smelled the Smoke and Screamed.

Pittsburg, Kan., Nov. 7.—The Headlight says: Loud screams of fire coming from the female department of the city jail this morning about nine o'clock attracted the attention of the employees of the court house and those in the police court room and there was a hurrying of feet along the corridors towards that part of the building.

It was soon found that the fire was located in the coal and plunder room in the basement of the building and it was only the work of a few moments to quench the incipient blaze that had started in a pile of old plunder from some unknown cause.

The only loss occasioned by the blaze was a pile of papers and banners which had been piled up in one corner of the room.

A short time however would have started a hot fire in the room and burned quite a lot of stuff of some value to the city. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed that a lighted match found its way into the room from some place and dropped into the pile of stuff that was burned.

Butler County's Court Term. El Dorado, Kan., Nov. 7.—There are criminal cases in the November term of the district court, three for violation of the prohibitory liquor law; one each, contempt of court, turning a gambling

house, larceny, carrying concealed weapons, assault; two of forgery; four, disturbing the peace. In city cases there are 32-33 cases of divorce suits, Damage suits against the Prison and Orient railways are a considerable number.

**WELL 3,000 FEET DEEP.**

To Be Sunk This Winter at Iola and to Cost \$20,000.

Iola, Kan., Nov. 7.—A deep well, to be sunk 3,000 feet or even deeper, is the big project that was decided on at a meeting of representatives of Iola factors.

The well will be sunk in Iola, and will be drilled through what is known as the Iola gas pool, the original gas field in Allen county. The purpose of drilling the well is to find out what is under the old pool. There is a well developed suspicion that there may be gas there, even larger quantities than is to be found in the pool now being drawn on, and if there is, Iola and the factory interest in this field want to know it.

The well will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000, depending upon the depth to which it is sunk. It may cost more than that, but the amount which it is expected to expend is between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Practically every factory interest in the field has agreed to be a proportion of the expense of the well, and the Iola city council by an informal vote at its last meeting, sanctioned a donation of \$2,500 to the project on the part of the city of Iola. An effort will be made to have Gas City and La Harpe donate \$1,000 each to the work.

These towns, of course, are as much interested in knowing what is under the ground below any depth yet penetrated as Iola is.

The plants that are already in on the project and which have been represented at the meetings which have been held, are the Lazon Zinc company, the Iola

Portland Cement company, the Kansas Portland Cement company, the Cockrell smelter interests, the Prime Western Smelter, the United Zinc & Chemical company, the United Iron works, the Iola Brick company and the United Brick company. In addition to these, of course the city of Iola will contribute a share of the expense, although official and formal action has not been taken, and the cities of Gas and La Harpe are expected to do their share.

**A SHOOTING AT CHETOPA.**

B. F. Ashell Probably Fatally Wounded by Carson Whitehouse.

Chetopa, Kan., Nov. 7.—Carson Whitehouse shot and perhaps fatally wounded B. F. Ashell Tuesday afternoon. Whitehouse met Ashell in the road and shot him in the back and neck with a shotgun loaded with No. 4 shot.

Ashell is the father of Marlon Ashell, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for the murder of his wife. Whitehouse is the son of Mrs. Marlon Ashell by a former husband. Whitehouse came here to secure some clothing belonging to his mother. Whitehouse gave himself up to the officers.

**NICKERSON'S ELECTRIC PLANT.**

The Town to Have Lights in the Near Future, It is Said.

Nickerson, Kan., Nov. 7.—This city is having a diversion in the discussion of the electric light question. A man is making the city for a franchise and says that if enough Nickerson people sign contracts for light with him, after he secures his franchise, he will build a power house, and install a regular electric light plant. As an alternative he says he may buy electric current of one of the Hutchinson companies and carry it to Nickerson by a pole line, and that he will be the distributing agent. Electric current can be transported by long distance wire much

cheaper and much more safely than it could a few years ago and the lighting of small cities from a large common center is now practicable.

Nickerson once had an electric light plant and the people liberally patronized it. Some years ago the power house burned. The tale about the time the Santa Fe deserted Nickerson and the town was so badly busted that the owners of the plant decided it would not pay to rebuild it. Now, however, Nickerson has regained much of her lost prestige and with the improved mechanical methods of producing current more cheaply it is expected this city will be able to handle the light propositions.

**Death of Arthur O'Keefe.**

Armourdale, Kan., Nov. 7.—Arthur O'Keefe, 51 years old, died yesterday at his home, 406 Shawnee avenue. He had operated a grocery store at 1018 Miami avenue, Armourdale, for several years. A widow and five children are left. The funeral is to be held from St. Thomas church. Burial is to be in St. Calvary cemetery.

**Crushed by the Cars.**

Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 7.—John E. Lumsden, a switchman who was crushed between two Missouri Pacific cars yesterday, died in the hospital in the city. His parents, who live in Oakland, Cal., have been notified of his death.

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